



*"Writing in Indian Country is a sacred responsibility if the nations are to protect sovereignty."*

*Elizabeth Cook-Lynn, New Indians, Old Wars*

# *Contemporary Issues in Tribal Sovereignty*

## *A Public Affairs Symposium*

**Friday – June 19, 2009**

University Center, 3rd Floor  
The University of Montana  
Missoula, Montana

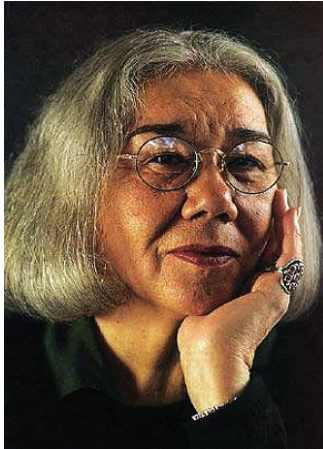
**Pre-symposium session to be held Thursday, June 18**

Holiday Inn – At the Park, Missoula Downtown

Register at: [www.cspd.net](http://www.cspd.net).

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**Elizabeth Cook-Lynn** (Crow Creek Sioux)  
*Eastern Washington University (Emerita), Cheney, Washington*

Elizabeth Cook-Lynn is a poet, novelist, and scholar and a member of the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe of South Dakota. She is Professor Emerita at Eastern Washington University, where she served in both Native American Studies and the English Department between 1971 and her retirement in 1990. Prolific as a writer, her many books of poetry, fiction, and essays include: *New Indians, Old Wars*; *Anti-Indianism in Modern America: A Voice from Tatekeya's Earth*; *Aurelia: A Crow Creek Trilogy*; *I Remember the Fallen Trees: New and Selected Poems*; *The Politics of Hallowed Ground: Wounded Knee and the Struggle for Indian Sovereignty* (with Mario Gonzalez); *Why I Can't Read Wallace Stegner and Other Essays: A Tribal Voice*; and *From the River's Edge*. Professor Cook-Lynn currently lives in Rapid City, South Dakota.



**Robert J. Miller** (Eastern Shawnee)  
*Lewis & Clark Law School, Portland, Oregon*

Robert J. Miller is Professor of Law at Lewis & Clark Law School in Portland, Oregon. He also serves as Chief Justice of the Court of Appeals of the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde in Oregon. Professor Miller began his private law practice in 1992 and worked in American Indian law between 1995 and 1999. He speaks regularly across the United States and in other countries on matters concerning American Indian law, and he has published numerous articles and books. His most recent book, *Native America, Discovered and Conquered: Thomas Jefferson, Lewis and Clark, and Manifest Destiny*, was published by University of Nebraska Press in 2008.

**Daniel F. Decker** (Salish)  
*Decker & Desjarlais Attorneys-at-Law, PLLC, St. Ignatius, Montana*

Daniel F. Decker, enrolled member of the Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes, has practiced law for over 27 years. He served as legal counsel for the Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes until the tribes formally instituted a legal department, at which point Decker was chosen as the legal department's first managing attorney. Following 15 years in that position, he entered private practice, opening Decker & Dejarlais Attorneys-at-Law, based in St. Ignatius, Montana. In his 10-year private practice, Decker has continued to focus on federal Indian law.

**Julie Cajune** (Salish)  
*Tribal History Project Director, Salish Kootenai College, Pablo, Montana*

Julie Cajune has directed the Salish Kootenai College Tribal History Project for the past three years and has served as adjunct faculty at the tribal college for more than ten years. Ms. Cajune co-edited *Protecting Wild Nature on Native Lands: Case Studies by Native People from Around the World* which was published by Falcon Press in 2008. In 2002, during her administrative tenure at Ronan Public Schools, she received a Milken National Educator Award.



## Contemporary Issues in Tribal Sovereignty

**Thursday – June 18**    Holiday Inn – At the Park, Missoula Downtown

- 6:00 – 9:00 PM    On-site registration in the atrium
- 7:30 – 9:00 PM    Creating a Framework for Understanding Sovereignty  
Julie Cajune, Salish Kootenai College

**Friday – June 19**    University Center Theater, The University of Montana

- 7:00 – 8:00 AM    *Coffee, juice, fruit, and breakfast rolls*
- 7:00 – 8:00 AM    On-site registration in the third floor foyer
- 8:00 – 9:30 AM    Situating Tribal Sovereignty in the American Indian Consciousness  
Elizabeth Cook-Lynn, Eastern Washington University (Emerita)
- 9:30 – 9:45 AM    *Break*
- 9:45 – 11:45 AM    Historic and Legal Contexts of Tribal Sovereignty  
Robert Miller, Lewis & Clark Law School
- 12:00 – 1:00 PM    *Lunch*
- 1:00 – 2:00 PM    Application and Interpretation of Tribal Sovereignty in the Courtroom  
Dan Decker, Attorney, Decker & Desjarlais PLLC
- 2:00 – 3:20 PM    Montana Tribal Leaders Address Contemporary Issues (Part 1)  
Panel discussion
- 3:20 – 3:40 PM    *Break*
- 3:40 – 5:00 PM    Montana Tribal Leaders Address Contemporary Issues (Part 2)  
Panel discussion
- 5:00 – 5:30 PM    *Refreshments in the foyer*

**Friday Evening**    University Center Theater, The University of Montana

- 8:00 – 10:00 PM    Public Film Showing  
Native Voices, The University of Washington



## **Sovereign Montana Indian Tribal Nations**

### Blackfeet

Blackfeet Tribe  
P O Box 850  
Browning, MT 59417

### Fort Peck

Assiniboine & Sioux Tribes  
P O Box 1027  
Poplar, MT 59255

### Crow

Crow Tribe  
P O Box 159  
Crow Agency, MT 59022

### Little Shell

Little Shell Tribe  
of Chippewa Indians  
P O Box 1384  
Great Falls, MT 59403

### Flathead

Salish, Pend d'Oreille,  
& Kootenai Tribes  
P O Box 278  
Pablo, MT 59855

### Northern Cheyenne

Northern Cheyenne Tribe  
P O Box 128  
Lame Deer, MT 59043

### Fort Belknap

Gros Ventre & Assiniboine Tribes  
RR1, P O Box 66  
Harlem, MT 59526

### Rocky Boy

Chippewa & Cree Tribes  
P O Box 544  
Box Elder, MT 59521

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## **Registration**

### **Registration is limited to 200.**

Early registration is \$75 and will end June 8, 2009.

On-site registration is \$100 at the Missoula Holiday Inn - At the Park (6/18)  
or the University Center (6/19). See the schedule for time and place.

To register on-line, please go to:

**[www.cspd.net](http://www.cspd.net)**

Lodging information will be available at the WM-CSPD web site when  
hotel room blocks are reserved. Missoula hotels are very busy in June,  
so please make reservations early before the room blocks are released.

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